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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (original) A process for preparing an albumin preparation which involves a step of filtration with a virus-removing membrane.

2. (original) The process for preparing an albumin preparation of claim 1 wherein an albumin-containing solution is subject to a step of filtration with a virus-removing membrane before a step of heat treatment in a liquid state.

3. (currently amended) The process for preparing an albumin preparation of claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein said virus-removing membrane used in a step of filtration with a virus-removing membrane has a pore size of 10 to 20 nm.

4. (currently amended) The process for preparing an albumin preparation of ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 3~~ wherein said process comprises treating the albumin-containing

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solution with an anion exchanger and/or a prefilter before a step of filtration with a virus-removing membrane.

5. (original) The process for preparing an albumin preparation of claim 4 wherein said prefilter used in said treatment has a pore size of 35 to 200 nm.

6. (original) A process for pretreating an albumin-containing solution before a step of filtration with a virus-removing membrane which comprises treating said albumin-containing solution with an anion exchanger and/or a prefilter before a step of filtration of said albumin-containing solution with a virus-removing membrane.

7. (original) The process for pretreating an albumin-containing solution of claim 6 wherein said prefilter used in said treatment has a pore size of 35 to 200 nm.